

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1-56. (canceled)

57. (new) Peptide PVLDLFRELLNELLEALKQKLK (SEQ ID NO: 4).

58. (new) A peptide-lipid complex comprising the peptide of Claim 57.

59. (new) The peptide-lipid complex of Claim 58 wherein the lipid is a saturated lipid or unsaturated lipid or combination thereof.

60. (new) The peptide-lipid complex of Claim 58 wherein the lipid is a natural lipid or a synthetic lipid or combination thereof.

61. (new) The peptide-lipid complex of Claim 58 wherein the lipid is selected from the group consisting of small alkyl chain phospholipids, egg phosphatidylcholine, soybean phosphatidylcholine, dipalmitoylphosphatidylcholine, dimyristoylphosphatidylcholine, distearoylphosphatidylcholine 1-myristoyl-2-palmitoylphosphatidylcholine, 1-palmitoyl-2-myristoylphosphatidylcholine, 1-palmitoyl-2-stearoylphosphatidylcholine, 1-stearoyl-2-palmitoylphosphatidylcholine, dioleoylphosphatidylcholine dioleophosphatidylethanolamine, dilauroylphosphatidylglycerol phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylserine, phosphatidylethanolamine, phosphatidylinositol, sphingomyelin, sphingolipids, phosphatidylglycerol, diphosphatidylglycerol, dimyristoylphosphatidylglycerol, dipalmitoylphosphatidylglycerol, distearoylphosphatidylglycerol, dioleoylphosphatidylglycerol, dimyristoylphosphatidic acid, dipalmitoylphosphatidic acid, dimyristoylphosphatidylethanolamine, dipalmitoylphosphatidylethanolamine, dimyristoylphosphatidylserine, dipalmitoylphosphatidylserine, brain phosphatidylserine, brain sphingomyelin, dipalmitoylsphingomyelin, distearoylsphingomyelin, phosphatidic acid, galactocerebroside, gangliosides, cerebrosides, dilaurylphosphatidylcholine, (1,3)-D-mannosyl-(1,3)diglyceride, aminophenylglycoside, 3-cholesteryl-6'-(glycosylthio)hexyl ether glycolipids, and cholesterol and its derivatives.

62. (new) The peptide-lipid complex of Claim 58 wherein the lipid is sphingomyelin.
63. (new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the peptide according to Claim 57.
64. (new) The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 63 that is sterile.
65. (new) The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 63 that is a lyophilized powder.
66. (new) The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 63 that is a solution.
67. (new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the peptide-lipid complex according to Claims 58, 59, 60, 61 or 62.
68. (new) The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 67 that is sterile.
69. (new) The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 67 that is a lyophilized powder.
70. (new) The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 67 that is a solution.
71. (new) A method of treating hypercholesterolemia in a subject in need thereof, said method comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a peptide according to Claim 57.
72. (new) A method of treating cardiovascular disease in a subject in need thereof, said method comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a peptide according to Claim 57.
73. (new) A method of treating atherosclerosis in a subject in need thereof, said method comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a peptide according to Claim 57.
74. (new) A method of treating restenosis in a subject in need thereof, said method comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a peptide according to Claim 57.
75. (new) A method of treating HDL or ApoA-I deficiency in a subject in need thereof, said method comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a peptide according to Claim 57.

76. (new) A method of treating hypertriglyceridemia in a subject in need thereof, said method comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a peptide according to Claim 57.
77. (new) A method of treating metabolic syndrome in a subject in need thereof, said method comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a peptide according to Claim 57.
78. (new) A method of treating septic shock in a subject in need thereof, said method comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a peptide according to Claim 57.
79. (new) The method of Claims 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77 or 88 wherein about 0.5 mg/kg to about 100 mg/kg of SEQ ID NO 4 is administered to said subject.